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BURSHAAN, FONMIN COUNSELOR AND OIC TRIPOLI BRANCH FON/MIN UNDER FORMER REGIME, WHEN CONTACTED BY CHARGE THIS EVENING INDICATED THAT CHIEF OF ROYAL DIWAN MAHMUUD MUNTASSER HAD BEEN ARRESTED, ALLEGEDLY FOR ORDERING SECURITY FORCES TO RESIST ARMY COUP. STATED THAT MAJ GEN ZANTUUTI OF SECURITY FORCES HAD ALSO BEEN PLACED UNDER ARREST. CONFIRMED DETENTION OF FORMER UNDERSECRETARY FONMIN MUHSIN UMAYYIR AT TRIPOLI HOTEL. BURSHAAN STATED HE HAD OFFERED SERVICES TO NEW REGIME, POINTING OUT TO ITS REPRESENTATIVES URGENT REQUIREMENT INFORM LIBYAN MISSIONS ABROAD AND UN OF CHANGE IN REGIME. STATED RCC REPRESENTATIVES SEEMED TO BE PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN COMPOSITION OF LIBYAN EMBASSY STAFF LONDON IN CONNECTION WITH OMAR SHALHI VISIT THERE. IN RESPONSE CHARGE'S QUERY, BURSHAAN STATED UN SECRETARY GENERAL'S OFFICE HAD ANNOUNCED "POSTPONEMENT" OF VISIT PLANNED FOR LIBYA SEPTEMBER 5.

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